



Legislative Requirement (Laws 2013, Chapter. 243)

Request

\$1,582,200 to purchase two doses of adult and two doses of pediatric auto-injectable epinephrine for each of the approximately 2,000 district and charter school sites in the state pursuant to A.R.S. §15-157. As directed by statute, this request is for an ongoing appropriation that is exempt from lapsing. A portion of this appropriation would also be used to assist in developing required training for districts and charters.

Background

Epinephrine is a medication used by emergency medical professionals and those with known allergies to quickly counteract the effects of anaphylaxis, or severe allergic reaction. An epinephrine auto-injector is a device containing a specific dose of the drug that is designed for self-administration in the event the user experiences an unexpected reaction. Laws, 2013, Chapter. 243 (S.B. 1421) requires that each year, the Department request sufficient monies as a separate line item in its budget to purchase two adult and two pediatric doses of auto-injectable epinephrine for each public school site in the state. If the Legislature chooses to fund this request, each public school in the state is required to purchase and keep on hand two adult and two pediatric doses of auto-injectable epinephrine. Additionally, each district and charter must provide training to selected staff in administration of auto-injectable epinephrine. Absent funding, the stocking of epinephrine and staff training is optional.

Justification

The request consists of \$1,582,200 in order to purchase the required two doses of adult and two doses of pediatric epinephrine auto-injectors. There are several manufacturers of the injectors. The Department's research suggests that epinephrine auto-injectors are sold in packages of two with a price range between \$300 and \$400 at wholesale value^{1,2}. The number \$1,582,200 is representative of a price point slightly above \$800 per school, for 1,934 sites.

The remaining \$35,000 of the request would be utilized to develop model trainings for school personnel.

¹Barclay, R. S. (2015, June 15). Parents Urging States to Require Epinephrine Auto-Injectors. Retrieved August 2, 2016, from www.healthline.com

²McCarthy, M. (2015, October 23). The Soaring Price of EpiPens. Retrieved August 3, 2016, from <http://notes.childrenshospital.org/>